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SUBJECT: NAURU PLANS TO ESTABLISH REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN TAIPEI

1. ACCORDING TO JANUARY 28 LOCAL PRESS REPORTS, NAURU'S PRESIDENT HAMMER DEROBURT DURING A THREE-DAY VISIT TO TAIPEI DISCUSSED WITH ROC VICE PREMIER HSU CHING-CHUNG AND FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN CHANG-HUAN THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A "REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE" IN TAIPEI BEFORE THE END OF 1975 TO HANDLE CONSULAR AFFAIRS. THE REPORTS ADD THAT THE OFFICIAL TITLE FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED. THE PRESS ALSO QUOTES ROC "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" AS SAYING THE ROC DOES NOT PLAN TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO NAURU.

2. THE DIRECTOR OF MOFA'S DEPARTMENT OF EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS CONFIRMED TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE AND EXPRESSED HIS
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VIEW THAT THE GROC WOULD "WELCOME" THE ESTABLISH-

MENT OF SUCH AN OFFICE SINCE IT WOULD BE "BENEFICIAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES." WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE ROC WOULD OPEN A RECIPROCAL OFFICE IN NAURU, HE EVADED A DIRECT REPLY.

3. ALTHOUGH NAURU DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE ROC, ITS PRESIDENT IS A FREQUENT VISITOR TO TAIPEI. SINCE 1972 THE ROC VOCATIONAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION FOR RETIRED SERVICEMEN HAS SENT FOUR TECHNICAL MISSIONS TO NAURU TO ASSIST IN VARIOUS ECONOMIC PROJECTS.

4. COMMENT: IF NAURU ACTUALLY OPENS A REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN TAIPEI, IT WILL BE THE FIRST COUNTRY TO ELEVATE ITS OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH TAIPEI SINCE 1972 WHEN TONGA AND WESTERN SAMAOA ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ROC.
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